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APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to question No. 535 asked by Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 29th January 1936, page 26 supra.]

(1)

Letter from the Secretary, Bar Council, Madras, dated 8th May 1935, *R.O.C. No.* 392/35.

[Stamp fee for entry as advocate—Reduction of.]

I have the honour to communicate the following resolution of the Bar Council passed at its meeting held on 28th April 1935 and to request you to kindly place the matter before the Government for necessary action.

The resolution is as follows:—

"In view of the stringent financial conditions in the Presidency, the Bar Council urges upon the Government the necessity to reduce the stamp fee on entry as an advocate from Rs. 625 to Rs. 500."

In doing so I am directed to state that the stamp fee for entry as an advocate was Rs. 500 in Madras as also in the other provinces until 1922 when as a result of the amendment made to the schedule of the Stamp Act the fee was enhanced to Rs. 625 in Madras, and it has been so up till now. It has been repeatedly brought to the notice of the Bar Council that there are several pleaders in the mufassal who are anxious to get themselves enrolled as advocates of the High Court, a course open to them according to the rules of the Bar Council framed in that behalf, but are unable to do so on account of the present economic depression in the country and the present stamp fee which is felt as a very heavy burden. The Bar Council has also received representations from several Bar Associations in the mufassal requesting that the Bar Council should move in the matter of getting the stamp fee reduced substantially. The Bar Council has also before it several cases of apprentices who had qualified themselves for enrolment as advocates in all respects but who had to delay their applications for enrolment for several months and in some cases even for one or two years, the ground for such postponement of the enrolment being the difficulty of finding the necessary amount for paying the stamp fee on entry as advocates.

In this connexion I am also directed to state for the kind consideration of the Government that the High Court on the recommendation of the Bar Council had by its notification, dated 17th January 1930, discontinued the practice of issuing pleaders' certificates and it is now obligatory on every one who desires to enter the legal profession that he should get himself enrolled as an advocate. This course was recommended by the Bar Council with a view to eliminate different grades of legal practitioners in this Presidency.

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It is also a point for consideration that with the exception of Bengal, the fee in every other province including Burma is only Rs. 500. In the opinion of the Bar Council the fee for licensing practitioners should not be looked upon as a source of taxation. I am therefore to request that the Government will be pleased to consider the matter and reduce the fee payable on entry as an advocate from Rs. 625 to what it was before the recent enhancement, namely Rs. 500.

(2)

G.O. Ms. No. 3624, Law (General), dated 18th November 1935.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Secretary, Bar Association, Madura, dated 16th February 1935.

From the Secretary, Bar Association, Bezwada, dated March 1935.

From the Secretary, Bar Association, Bapatla, dated 10th April 1935.

From the Secretary, Bar Council, Madras, dated 8th May 1935, R.O.C. No. 392/35.

From the Secretary, Bar Association, Tanjore, dated 8th July 1935.

From the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), dated 14th July 1935, D. No. 405-Mis. Stamps.

From the Acting Registrar, High Court, dated 27th August 1935, R.O.C. No. 2395-B-2/35.

Order—Ms. No. 3624, *Law* (*General*), *dated* 18*th November* 1935.

The Bar Council, Madras, and certain Bar Associations in the mufassal have made the following suggestions in respect of the levy of stamp duty on entry as an advocate and the enrolment of First Grade Pleaders as Advocates:—

(i) that the existing stamp duty of Rs. 625 for entry as an advocate may be reduced to Rs. 500 or to Rs. 200; and

(ii) that the existing First Grade Pleaders in the Presidency may be permitted to enrol themselves as advocates on payment of a stamp duty of Rs. 200 each.

A suggestion has also been made by a non-official member of the Legislative Council that the stamp duty leviable for entry as an advocate may be allowed to be paid in instalments.

2. The Government have considered the suggestions. They regret that they are unable at present to accept the suggestion that the stamp duty for entry as an advocate may be reduced to Rs. 500 or Rs. 200,

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but they will be prepared to consider the question of reducing the stamp duty to Rs. 500 when their financial position improves. The Government are unable to accept the other suggestions.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

C. GOVINDAN NAIR,
Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Hon'ble the Chief Justice (with C.L.).
,, Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).
,, Secretary, Bar Council, Madras (with C.L.)
,, Secretary, Bar Association, Madura.
,, Secretary, Bar Association, Bezwada.
,, Secretary, Bar Association, Bapatla.
,, Secretary, Bar Association, Tanjore.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Finance Department.

APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to question No. 546 asked by Diwan Bahadur T. A. Ramalingam Chettiyar at the meeting of the Legislative Council, held on the 29th January 1936, page 35 supra.]

Programme or expenditure on accelerated and widespread programme of irrigation works in Kollegal taluk, Coimbatore district, for 1935–36.

Name of work.	Expenditure proposed in 1935–36.
	RS.
(1) Doddaranganathan tank (repairs)	1,556
(2) Chikkaranganathan tank (improvements) ...	842
(3) Kongalkarai tank (improvements)	1,703
(4) Mudikondan tank (improvements)	2,382
(5) Palayam tank (improvements)	3,517
Total ...	10,000